

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4995
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ADOPTION OF DESTITUTE CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy of the Government regarding adoption of destitute children;
- (b) the rate of adoption during each of the last three years from the North Eastern States;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed for the adoption of destitute children from the North Eastern States during 2002-2003;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) The Government considers adoption as one of the appropriate means of rehabilitation of destitute children who have no family support.
- (b) The following number of children have been placed in adoption through Non- Governmental Organizations running Sishu Greh Scheme in the North Eastern States.

1999-2000	: 21
2000-2001	: 40
2001-2002	: 36
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No target can be fixed for adoption of destitute children as the number of adoption depends upon availability of adoptive parents and children to be adopted.